

The Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division of Family Health Services  
Special Child Health and Early Intervention Services

Birth Defects Registry

Proposed Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:20

Authorized by Clifton Lacy, MD, Commissioner of Health and Senior Services

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:8-40.20 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 26:8-40.21

Purpose of Rulemaking: The Department is proposing to readopt N.J.A.C. 8:20 without change. The purpose of these rules is to establish and maintain a birth defects registry which shall contain a confidential record of all children with birth defects that are identified within the first year of life pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-40.21. The Birth Defects Registry shall also contain any other information the Department deems necessary and appropriate in order to conduct thorough and complete epidemiological surveys of birth defects, and to plan for services needed by the children and their families.

The Department invites the public to comment on the rules proposed for readoption at N.J.A.C. 8:20, Birth Defects Registry. The comment period is for **60 days** and comments must be made in writing. Written comments must be received no later than **December 3, 2004** at the following address:

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Full text of the proposed readoption may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 8:20.